

MINUTES
Town of North
April 10, 2006
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Lane, Gleaton, and Binyard. Mr. Drew was excused. Also in attendance were Sergeant Bob Herlong and Beth Kincaid, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

The Minutes from the March 13, 2006 were approved as amended and also approved were the minutes from the Special Meeting on April 6, 2006.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water sewer report for March 2006.

Police Report:

Sergeant Herlong presented the police report in Chief Fallaw's absence. There were 18 Group A offenses, 1 Group B offense 71 Group C offense. There were 65 traffic violations. 72% of calls were police-generated. There has been a 10% reduction in calls. 564 man-hours. 18 reserve hours, 42.5 Court hours and 52.5 training hours. The Police Department is waiting on guidance from Council in following up on vacant lots. Spencer Combs is the new reserve officer. Patrick Thompson removed his name from consideration.

Old Business:

Mayor Jeffcoat presented the financial report for March 2006.

Mr. Gleaton asked for clarification regarding the Police telephone bill. Mrs. Kincaid will research and respond. Mrs. Lane asked for a breakdown of expense vs. expense on garbage charges. Mrs. Kincaid will research and respond to this request as well.

New Business:

- Cleanliness is the character trait for April. Mr. Drew is in charge of the Town Clean up and has scheduled it for April 17 - 24, 2006. Ms. Binyard asked for clarification on whether bags would be provided and where trash should be dropped off. Mr. Jeffcoat explained Mr. Drew would pick up.
- Mr. Jeffcoat talked with John Trussell of the SC Insurance Reserve Fund. There will be an 11% increase in our tort liability.
- We have applied for a grant through the Budget and Control Board. Representative Ott and Senator Hutto signed off on our application in support of the grant.
- Mr. Jeffcoat announced Mrs. Lane's graduation from MASC Government Officials and had a picture in the MASC newsletter for citizens to review.
- Mr. Jeffcoat and Mrs. Lane met with Litter Control and road around town with there representative, who took pictures. Litter Control can give out citations for household garbage and knee-high grass. In talking with the county building inspector, it was explained this is a long drawn out ordeal. The County has one piece of new equipment, but the process is still very slow. Mrs. Lane explained there are 4 properties they are going to address that the County can take care of. Letters giving 30-days notice to clean up can be sent but they cannot make anyone move the houses. Mr. Gleaton commented we need to take action.

A citizen commented there has been some progress as some cars have been towed and 3 houses torn down. The big problem is finding out who the owner is, as all owners have to be notified.

It was suggested that a notice be placed on tax bills that payment has to be made or they will lose the property.

A citizen again reminded everyone the need for 911 addresses.

Public Comments:

Mr. Jeffcoat called for any public comments. There were none.

There being no further business, Lane made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Binyard, unanimously approved and Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Reverend Wright closed with prayer.

The next Town Council meeting will be held Monday, May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kincaid

APPROVED: APRIL 10, 2006 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Rose Binyard: _____

Harriet Lane: _____

Aubrey Gleaton: _____